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# $\sim$ SWCC value creation stories $\sim$ Future business growth and capital strategy

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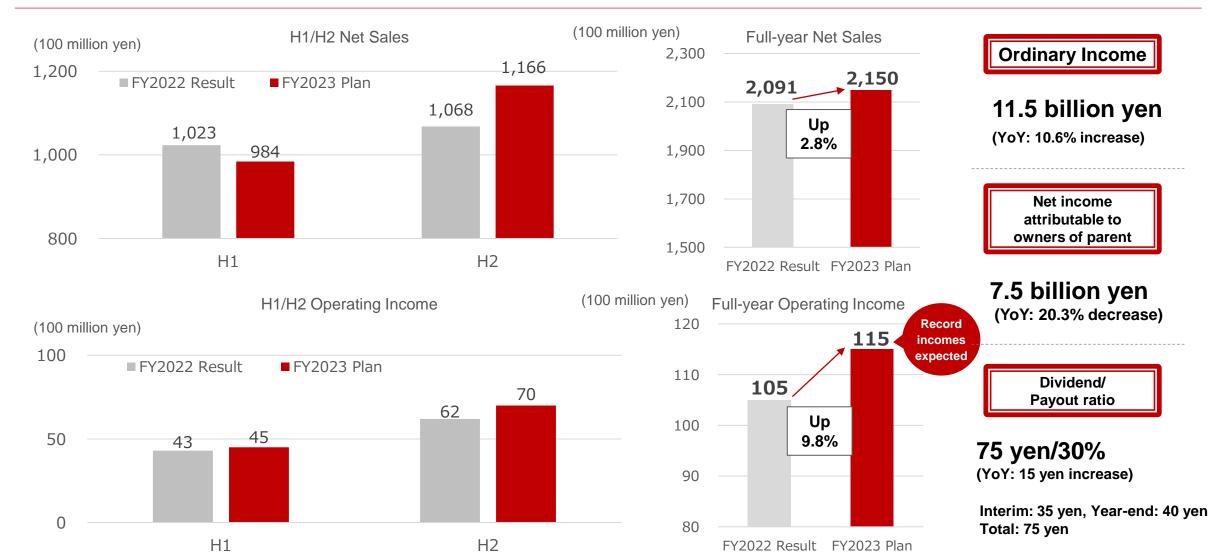
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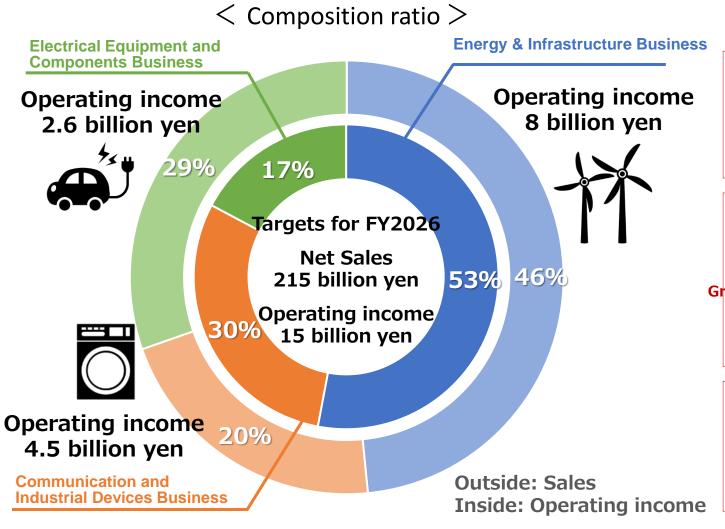
### FY2023 Full-year Forecasts (After Upward Revision)





# Final year target of the medium-term management plan Sales and operating income composition ratio / Financial strategy





< Financial strategy >

Increase in corporate value

ROE of 10% or more, Market capitalization of 100 billion yen or more, P/B ratio of 1x or more

Cash allocation

Growth Investment
Growth investment 20 billion yen
Human capital investment
R&D Expenditure Expansion

Shareholder Returns
To achieve an annual
dividend of at least 120
yen per share by the year
ending March 31, 2027

Improvement of Financial Base and Profitability

Improve capital efficiency
Deepen ROIC/CF
management

Ensure financial soundness Optimal capital structure, obtaining credit ratings

## Business Investment Aimed at Achieving the Medium-Term Business Plan and Profit Contribution Timeline



# **Solution** Business investment **5-year total for FY2022 - FY2026**

Investment in business enhancement and DX with a focus on growth-driving businesses

31.0 billion yen

#### <Breakdown>

Production capacity expansion: 12.0 billion yen

Reorganization of production

bases and facility upgrades: 12.2 billion yen

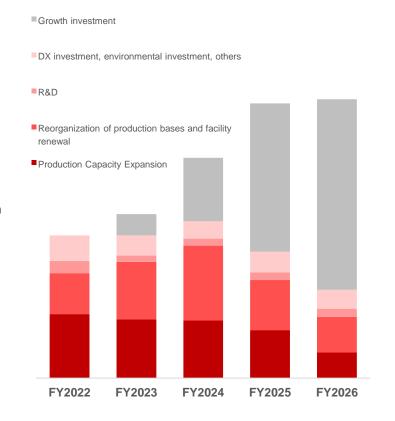
Research and Development: 2.0 billion yen

DX investment, environmental

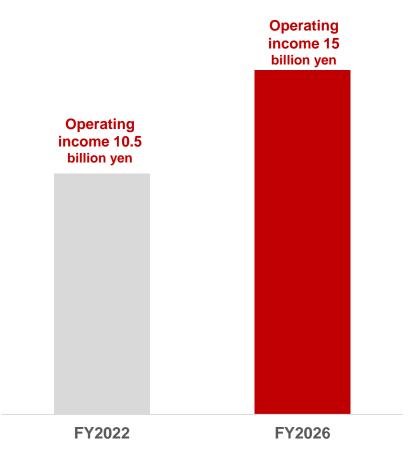
investment, others: 4.8 billion yen

### Growth investment (BD Strategy)

20.0 billion yen

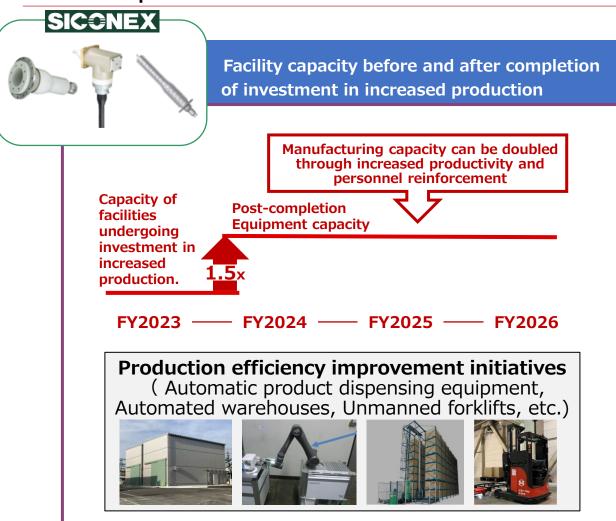


#### **Profit plan**



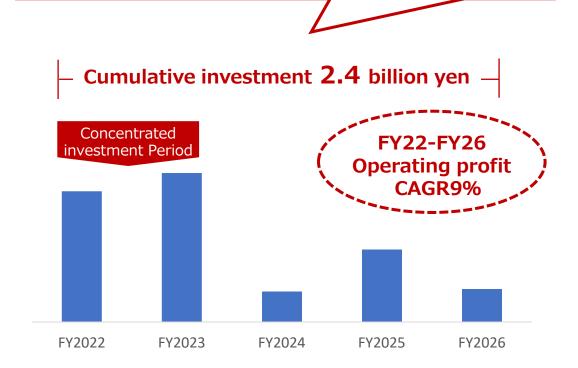
# Growth strategies and investment enhancement in the power infrastructure business







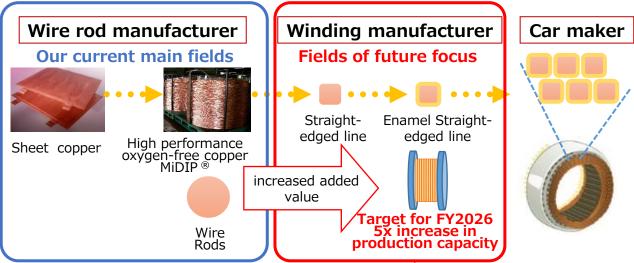
Increased demand for SICOPLUS® is leading to consideration of the need for additional investment to increase production



### Growth strategies and investment enhancement in the winding business



#### Shift to more profitable business models



## **Pre-rolling investment plan**

Additional investment in increased production of high-performance windings is being considered.

< Rolling point >

Cumulative investment 2.7 billion yen -Concentrated FY22-FY30 investment Period **Operating profit** FY2022 FY2024 FY2025 FY2026 FY2023

#### **Introduction of production** innovation lines

- Development of varnishes compatible with high-speed baking furnaces
- Search for optimum manufacturing conditions

**57**% cut

2x more

**Energy efficiency Equipment installation** costs 25% cut

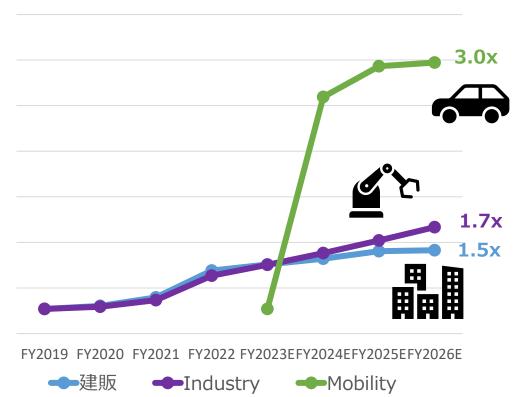
Speed 3 x

**Profit margin** improvement Double the effectiveness

# Growth strategies and investment enhancement in the communication business



## FLANTEC® Sales growth trends (Estimated as 100 before Corona\*\*)

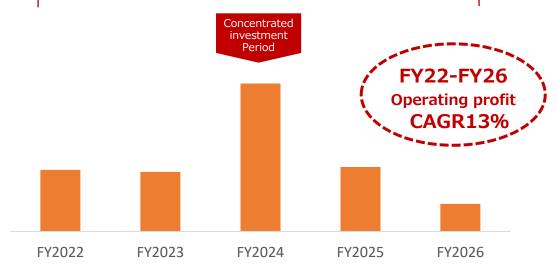


\* Mobility sales are estimated at 100 for FY2023, as it will be generated from FY2023.

# Pre-rolling investment plan < Rolling point >

Strong sales of FLANTEC® have led to consideration of the need for additional investment to increase production

Cumulative investment 1.2 billion yen





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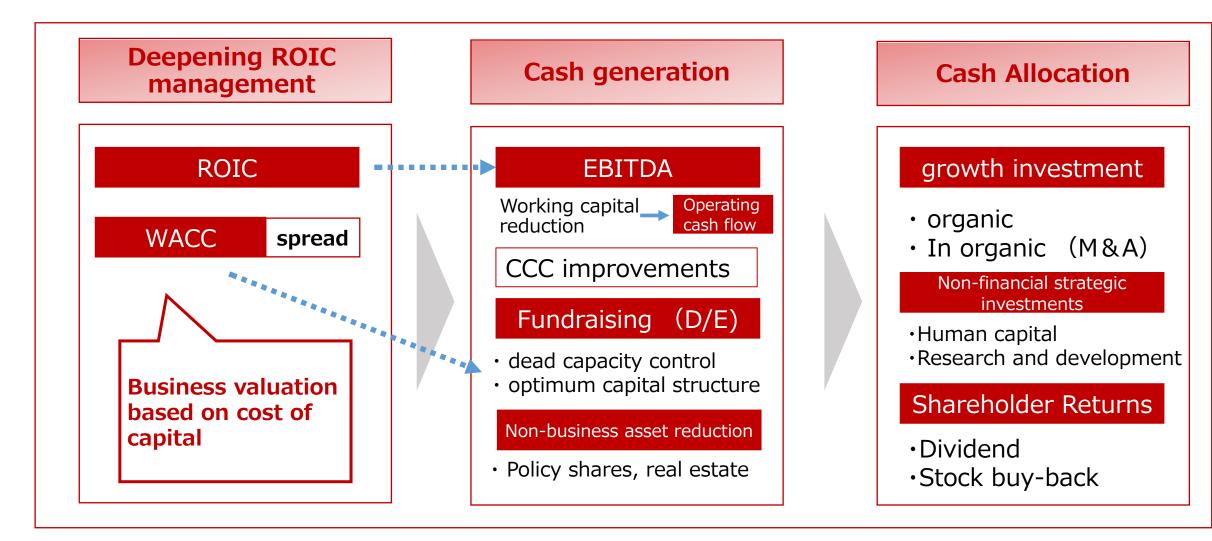
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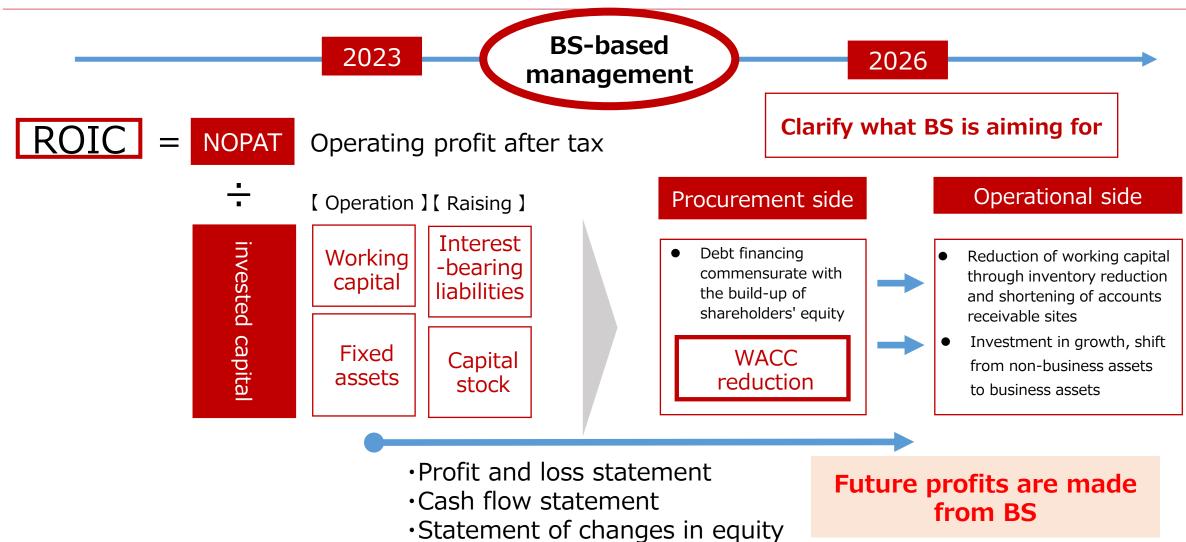
### Basic financial and capital strategy





### Balance sheet management





### Ensuring financial discipline



- D/E ratio falls to below 0.5 because of revenue build-up
- Capital adequacy ratio rising towards 50%



Financial discipline is needed to avoid falling back on the past

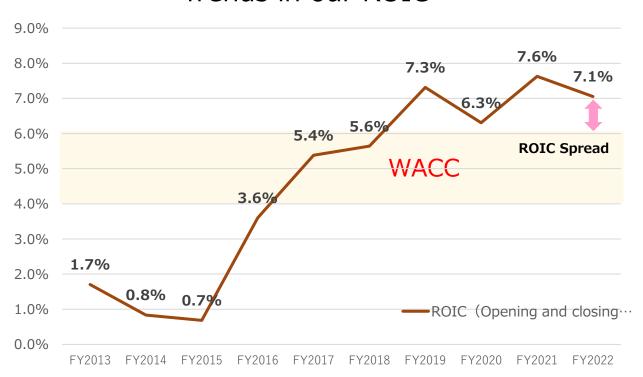
### **Consideration of obtaining a rating**

- > Positioned as a financial target to balance growth strategy and financial discipline
- > Diversify funding sources and reduce funding costs
  - → Acquisition of a rating enables direct financing, such as the issue of bonds or commercial paper
  - → Basel regulations make the credits of rated companies less credit risky when banks calculate their capital ratios.

### Concept of optimal capital structure



#### Trends in our ROIC



- Current WACC levels range from 4-6%
- •ROIC remains around 7%
- •ROIC spread of 2% when WACC is set at 5%



- •WACC is expected to rise to around 7% during the medium term
- ROIC also increased from 7% to 10%
- ROIC spread to around 3% (1.5x)



### Concept of optimal capital structure



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2026
Unit: 100 million yen	Actual	Actual	Actual	Plan	Mid-term Plan
Operating income	76	100	105	115	150
Operating income ratio	(4.7%)	(5.0%)	(5.0%)	(5.3%)	(7.0%)
Net income	50	94	94	75	100
Net income per share (yen)	166.5	313.4	315.0	250.7	334.7
Dividend per share(yen)	20.0	50.0	60.0	75.0	120~
Dividend payout ratio	12%	16%	19%	30%	35%~
Equity	476	583	675	730~	900~
Equity ratio	36.7%	39.5%	43.1%	45%~	50%~
DE ratio	79%	67%	61%	50%~	~50%

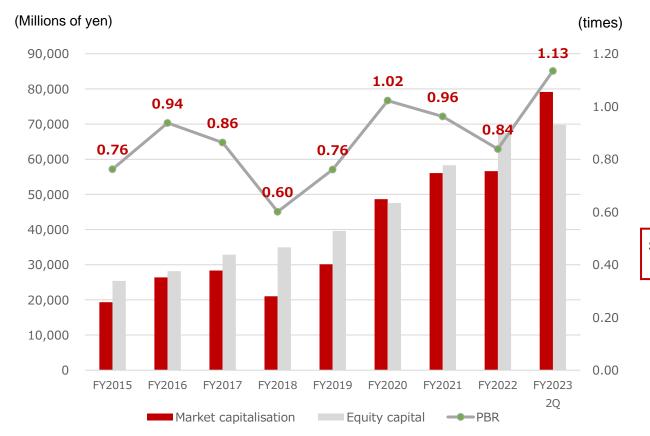
- Continuing to reduce β value through strengthening the financial foundation, aiming to lower the cost of equity for shareholders
- Considering accumulation of equity, strengthening risk management systems, and exploring credit rating acquisition.
- Planning to achieve more than 90 billion yen in equity capital by the end of the medium-term plan period → P/B ratio of 1.2x and market capitalization of 100 billion yen
- We've reduced interest-bearing debt to under 50% DE ratio. Going forward, we'll manage debt carefully while monitoring WACC.



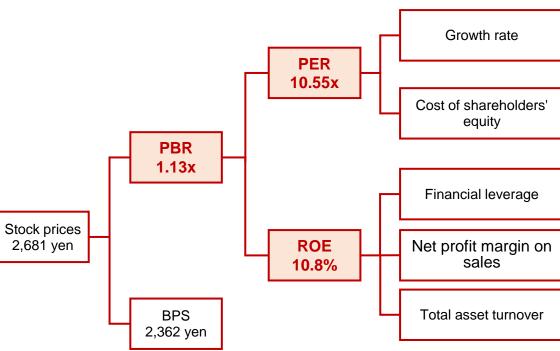
### Market valuation transition and decomposition of PBR factors

In addition to improved profitability, various measures implemented in the current financial year have resulted in a PB ratio of more than 1x. However, it is assumed that the market still does not rate our growth potential highly in view of the level of our PER.

#### Market capitalization, equity capital, PBR



#### PBR factor decomposition



- \* Share prices are closing prices on November 30, 2023.
- \* The number of treasury shares is also calculated as at end-November.
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### Enhance Price Book-value Ratio



- Aim for a PBR of around 1.2x in the near term
- Achieve high ROE while reducing capital costs and enhancing growth rates

- PBR = ROE × PER
- $\bullet$  PBR = ROE  $\div$  (1/PER)



● PBR = ROE ÷ (Cost of equity – growth rate)

#### 1. ROE

- Maintain ROE at a minimum of 10% going forward
- 2. Shareholders' equity cost
- •Shareholders' equity cost is the expected return rate for investors
- •Current trend shows a decline in β value
- Continue dialogue with investors
- •Ensure stable management through enhanced governance and financial strength
- 3. Growth rate
- Continue growth investments to increase profits
- Advance Business Development strategy, including M&A and new business initiatives



### Our Approach to Lowering β value



The beta value, determining the cost of equity capital, represents investors' expected rate of return

# Factors causing an increase in beta values

- Concerns about earnings volatility
- Concerns about negative surprises
- information asymmetry

### Our Approach

- Stable earnings growth
- Strengthen risk management and governance
- Improvement of financial structure
- Maintain financial discipline by acquiring credit ratings, etc
- Explanation of increase corporate value

### Cash Allocation Approach



#### **Growth Investments**

#### Optimal capital structure

- Planning over 500 billion yen in investments during the midterm through organic (strategic investments) and inorganic (M&A) means
- Aiming for leverage effect through increased debt aligned with investments
  - → WACC Control

#### Rising PER

- The key to maintaining a stable PBR of 1 or more is an increase in PER
- Emphasizing the ability to outline a growth story in both financial and capital strategy

### Non-financial strategic investments

#### Human capital

- Introduced employee shareholding incentive measures "Incentive  $10\% \rightarrow 20\%$ , Shareholding Association Support Trust (ESOP)"
- Hiring specialized personnel to strengthen capabilities in areas such as BD strategy where there is a shortage
- Strengthen employee training

#### ■ R&D

Establish an R&D Headquarters to strengthen development for next-generation technologies, new products and new businesses, and develop a common infrastructure for analysis, evaluation and analysis
 Securing an annual research and development budget exceeding 2 billion yen

#### Shareholder Returns

#### Dividend

- To consistently implement dividends based on profits from business operations
- Ensuring a dividend payout ratio of over 30%
- Aiming for a dividend of 120 yen during the medium-term

#### Stock buy-back

- Considering implementation when our own shares are deemed undervalued
- Utilizing purchased treasury stocks for Employee
   Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) and Restricted Stock for executives
- Reserved as a capital policy option for future use in the BD strategy



### "Financial Strategy" Overall financial and capital strategy



#### **Measures**

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#### **Value Creation**

Our aspirations PBR improvement

Strengthen earning power and CF creative capacity through ROIC management

Streamlining the balance sheet and building an optimal capital structure

**Cash Allocation** 

ROIC 10% or more

ROIC spread more than 1.5x

ROE 10% or more

D/E 50% or less

Dividend 120 yen or more

Evolution into a highly profitable company

Stability of management base

Enhancement of shareholder returns



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### Self-introduction



#### **Outside Director**

Member of the Audit Committee Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

### Yuji Sakakura

#### Brief history

Apr. 1974 Joined Nissho Iwai Corporation (now Sojitz Corporation)

Jun.1999 President and CEO of Nissho Iwai Securities Co., Ltd

May. 2006 Director and Chief Financial Officer of GCA Corporation

Jun.2011 External Auditor of Autobacs Seven Co., Ltd

Mar. 2014 External Auditor of Fullcast Holdings Co., Ltd

Jun.2016 External Auditor of UKC Holdings Corporation

Jun.2019 Current Auditor of the YuMi Memorial Foundation for Home Medical Care

Grants, Public Interest Incorporated Foundation

Dec. 2019 External Auditor of Shonan Seminar Co., Ltd

Jun.2020 Current External Director and Audit Committee Member of our company

#### Role in our company

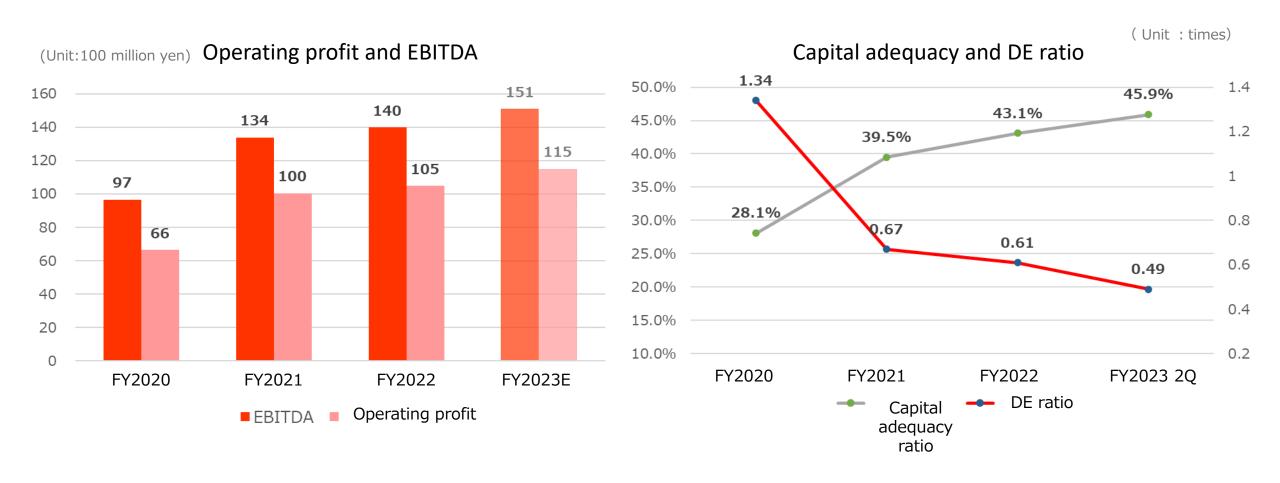
Leveraging experience as a finance executive in a general trading company, leadership in a securities firm, and as the Chief Financial Officer of an M&A advisory firm, I oversee and supervise our company's management. Contributing to the enhancement of corporate governance within our group based on my expertise and insights

Actively contributing in the Board of Directors discussions on the validity of business and capital strategies, as well as from a governance perspective

✓ Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

### Introduction of ROIC management and results to date





### Organisational structure for capital strategy



#### **Conventional SWCC**

Weak performance and heavy reliance on bank borrowing

·Cash from operations goes to repay interestbearing debt

#### **Current SWCC**

#### Spreading ROIC management

Improved financial position due to improved performance

New financial strategies
Capital policy needs

#### Strategic headquarters

- Corporate Strategy Dept
- ·Corporate Management Dept
- Sustainability Promotion Dept
- Comprehensive review of business, financial and sustainability strategies
- Assignment of officers in charge of capital strategy

### Discussion on the capital strategy



Officers' camps
(where various topics are freely discussed)

#### 7 April 2023

Issues and directions for financial strategy and capital policy Discussion based on the briefing by the officer in charge of capital strategy

#### 30 September 2023

Specific measures for financial and capital strategy, discussed

- Overall financial capital strategy
- Balance sheet control measures
- Acquisition of own shares
- Acquisition of ratings

#### **Board of directors**

25 July 2023

Measures to achieve cost of capital and share price conscious management

3 August 2023

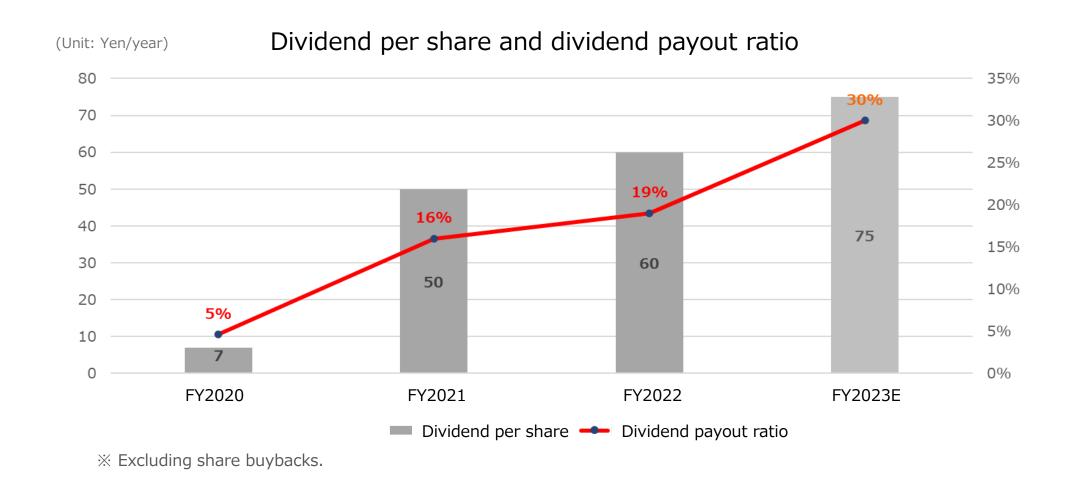
Sale of policy shares (Sale of major clients)

24 October and 2 November 2023

**Acquisition of own shares** 

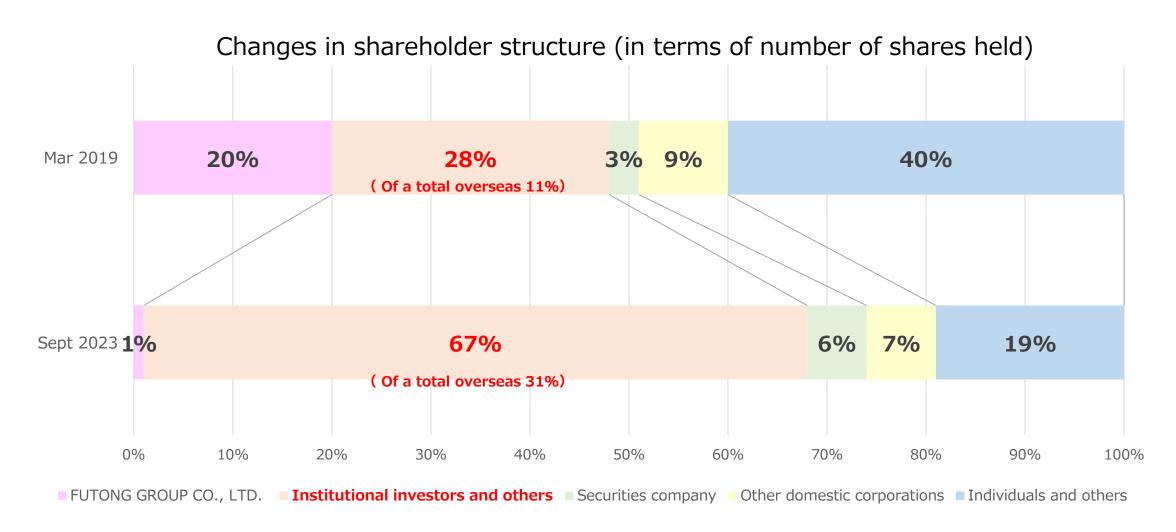
### Changes in shareholder returns





### Changes in investor attributes

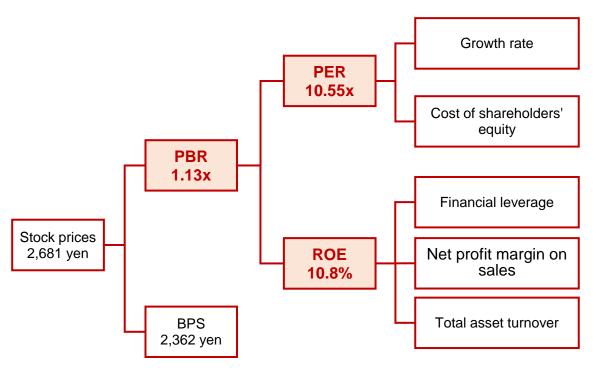




### Our challenges regarding financial strategy and capital policy



#### PBR factor decomposition



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- •ROE is expected to remain above 10% in the future.
- PER levels rise but are still low
- Failure to meet investors' growth expectations
- Clarification and implementation of the growth story is key
- Business development strategies, including new businesses and mergers and acquisitions, are being promoted. Specific results will be disclosed in the future.



- Strong leadership to drive structural reforms
  Issue: The importance of continued awareness-raising and succession
- Further improvement in earnings of growth-driving businesses and efforts to create new businesses

Issue: Speed-up to initiatives and flexibility in thinking and acting

Capital strategy in the growth phase

Issue: Maintain financial discipline, optimise capital structure and enhance shareholder returns



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